

Statement

Details of investments made during the past 5 years and major achievements in Vidharbha Region of Maharashtra Circle:

Sl. No.	Major achievements during the last 5 years	Details of Investments
1.	37 Multi Purpose Counter Machines have been installed in Vidharbha Region where 22 have been installed in Nagpur, 1 in Bhuldhana, 2 each in Chandrapur, Yeotmal and Wardha and 4 each in Amravati and Akola.	Rs. 22,57,930
2.	5 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) have been installed in Maharashtra Circle with 1 installed at Nagpur.	Rs. 50.0 lacs (for all 5 VSAT Stations)
3.	77 Post Offices were modernised in Maharashtra Postal Circle. In the Vidharbha Region, Nagpur City H.O., Wardha H.O., Amravati Camp S.O. and Chandrapur City S.O. have been modernised.	A total amount of Rs. 3.44 crores has been invested for the 77 Post Offices.
4.	1546 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs) and 466 Departmental Sub Post Offices (DSOs) have been sanctioned during the 8th Five Year Plan for the whole of the country. Out of this a total number of 170 EDBOs against a target of 163 EDBOs and 62 DSOS against a target of 51 DSOS have been sanctioned for Maharashtra Postal Circle.	A sum of Rs. 16.50 crore approximately has been invested in this regard for the whole of the country which includes Maharashtra Circle as well.
5.	Upgradation of Speed Post Centers and Modernisation of Premium Products.	A total sum of Rs. 51.10 lacs has been invested for this purpose for the whole of Maharashtra Circle.

Separate Compartment for Ladies

5259. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Women's Commission had submitted a representation to the Government that in the long distance trains two compartments should be exclusively for ladies and separate colour with a picture of women should also be deployed;

(b) if so, whether the Government had assured some time back to reserve two compartments for ladies and also separate colour and picture of a woman on them;

(c) if so, whether the implementation of the said assurances have not taken place so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No, Sir. However, Southern Railway has been instructed to identify some passenger trains in Kerala, justifying earmarking of full II class coach for Ladies and marshal the ladies compartment in the middle, painted with a picture of the woman.

Action against Black Listed Firms

5260. SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has initiated action against the black listed telecom firms;

(b) if so, the number and names of such firms; and

(c) the details of action taken against these firms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. However action has been initiated to ban business activities against some firms.

(b) As per the statement enclosed.

(c) An Inquiry Officer has been nominated by the Dep'tt. Show cause notices have been issued to all the 14 firms.

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List of the firms against whom action has been initiated to ban business activities

S.No. Name of the firms and their addresses.

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1.	M/s Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd., 903-905, Tolstoy House, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110 001.
2.	M/s Birla Ericsson Optical Ltd., P.O. Chorhata, Udhoyog Vihar, Rewa-486 006 (MP)
3.	M/s Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd., 8, Commercial Complex, Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110 048.
4.	M/s Bhillai Wires Ltd., (Optical Fibre Cable Division), K-33, Opp. Balaji Estate, Kalkaji, New Delhi.
5.	M/s Aksh India Ltd., 9-D, Atma Ram House, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110 001.
6.	M/s Uniflex Cable Ltd., 147, Sagar Bhawan, Princess Street, Mumbai-400 002.
7.	M/s VHEL Industries Ltd., A-287, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110 065.
8.	M/s Gujarat Optical Communications Ltd., 507, Hare Krisahna Complex, Pritamnagar, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380 006.
9.	Surana Telecom, Ltd., Plot No. 214-215, Phase-II, IDA Chalapally, Hyderabad-500 051.
10.	M/s Plasmac Machine Mfg. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Shyam Nagar, Majis Wada, Jogeshwar (East), Mumbai-400 060.
11.	Siemens, 215/70/2/1, Sarai (Saahji), Makliya Nagar, Box No. 7320, New Delhi-110 001.

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12.	R.P.G. Telecom., Partap Building, 1st Floor, N-83, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110 001.
13.	M/s Telematics Systems Limited, P.B. No. 978, Mount Poonamalle Road, Nandambakkam, Chennai-600 089.
14.	M/s Advance Radio Masts Ltd., (M/s. ARM Ltd.) 7-139, Habsiguda Cross Road, Hyderabad-500 007.

Installation of STD/PCO

5261. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred question No. 198 dated 6.3.1997 regarding "Installation of STD/PCOs" and to State:

(a) whether in Karnal SSA instead of two there are 3 non-official members;

(b) whether one of the three members has been included despite the fact that neither the M.Ps. from Karnal nor Kurukshetra constituencies have recommended his name, which covers the complete area of SSA Karnal;

(c) if so, the circumstances and manner the third member has been nominated on SSA Karnal;

(d) whether there is any proposal to enquire into the matter and to remove the third member from SSA Karnal forthwith; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Sir, the number of non-official members is not fixed for any SSA. All the three members of Karnal SSA STD/PCO allotment committee have been duly recommended by the Members of Parliament representing the SSA in full or partly.

(c) Part of Sonapat and Hissar constituency also overlaps with the jurisdiction of Karnal SSA. The third member has been recommended by the M.Ps. from the above constituencies.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Appointment of SC/ST Sportsmen

5262. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: